



Timeframe for water quality trading grant work

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I just spoke with Bobby Cochran about the time frame for work beginning on the new water quality trading grant. He said that USDA hasn't contacted him yet about the grant paperwork that needs to be completed before the end of the fiscal year, but if it all goes smoothly, he expects to have some preliminary work planning meetings in late Sep. into early Oct. and have the project itself begin in mid-to-late Oct. He didn't think it would be too intense but would require two-day meetings once every 1-2 months in either Portland or Olympia and some conference calls in between

And I was wrong about them not getting all the \$ they asked for- he said their final proposal was for the amount they received.

On a related topic, I don't know what the region's travel budget will look like but I warned him that funding for my travel could be a problem. He's wondering if it's possible for him to set aside some of the grant funds to cover my travel or work out another arrangement where Willamette Partnership could cover it. Is that a question for Armina or Tom Jahnke?

-- Claire

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Can you call my cell when you get a chance Claire?

Money for these generally becomes available in early October. My guess is that Sept and Oct will be gearing up. Project period is 3 yrs.

Give me a call and we can talk more

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2012, at 11:48 AM, Claire Schary <Schary.Claire@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Bobby & David (& Tracy since she heard a brief version of my news last week),

It sure was great to hear the news about the proposal being selected, and while it wasn't the full \$2 million you requested, it was still the largest amount awarded by far. I also was surprised to hear the news picked up by KUOW, our local public radio station, in a one-minute blurb yesterday morning that included a clip of Sec. Vilsack talking about this specific proposal and that also mentioned WP and TFT as being important partners. Unfortunately they used an example of power plants buying temperature credits, similar to carbon credits, so that they could continue to discharge hot water, but at least they mentioned the projects generating the credits would be from the same watershed.

This grant announcement is very timely because, due to some recent decisions about my current

position, I will no longer be doing climate change work because they've decided the new position needs someone with more of a scientific background. Therefore a new position is being developed for me from existing high priority needs that aren't currently being addressed. All I know at this point is that I will definitely be made available to work on water quality trading wherever I land, and I will likely end up in a water-related position that relates to the context in which WQT is being done. Therefore, I'm hoping you can tell me what the timeframe is for the grant's work - mostly when it will begin and roughly over what period, so that the timing of my move (which will be in the next few weeks, and I will still be in the Seattle office) and any vacation time I need to use up beforehand, can be worked out advantageously for us all.

-- Claire

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